

Townsend Man Arrested for Sexual Assault

Newark – The Delaware State Police have arrested 27 year old Robert A. Peal of Townsend, on multiple sexual assault related charges, after it was determined that he had a sexual relationship with a 15 year old.

Peal, who is a driver for DHL, initially contacted the female victim on October 8, 2019 when he delivered a package to her, at her Sparrow Run residence. The two then engaged in an ongoing sexual relationship which continued through the last week of November, 2019.

Upon being notified of the allegations representatives from DHL provided their full cooperation and assistance which enabled detectives to conduct a complete and thorough investigation.

Peal surrendered to detectives at Troop 2 on Monday, February 17, 2020 at which time he was formally charged with the following:

- Rape 3rd Degree – Victim is Less than 16 Years of Age and Defendant is More than 10 Years Older than Victim (4 counts)
- Sexual Solicitation of a Child Under 18 (11 counts)

Peal was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and then released after posting \$375,000.00 secured bail.

The Delaware State Police is asking anyone that has information regarding this incident or any other possible information involving criminal acts related to Peal to contact Detective A. Lloyd of the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit by calling 302-365-8411.

Due to the sensitive nature of this incident and out of consideration to the victim, only limited information is being released.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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